DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2000

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund as at March 31, 2000 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. The Fund's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2000 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
September 22, 2000

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Acting Provincial Auditor

Statement 1

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31

	2000	1999
ASSETS		
Current:		
Due from General Revenue Fund(Notes 3 and 8)	$ 3,732,798	$ 1,548,059
Short-term deposits(Note 8)	—	2,173,448
Accounts receivable(Notes 4 and 8)	92,652	48,114
	3,825,450	3,769,621
Capital assets(Note 5)	14,383,954	13,461,171
	$ 18,209,404	$ 17,230,792
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable(Note 8)	$ 110,953	$ 298,008
Net Assets:		
Net assets invested in capital assets	14,383,954	13,461,171
Internally restricted net assets(Note 6)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Unrestricted net assets	1,714,497	1,471,613
	18,098,451	16,932,784
	$ 18,209,404	$ 17,230,792

Commitments (Note 7)

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Statement 2

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2000		1999
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues:			
General Revenue Fund transfer(Note 4)	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,895,266	$ 2,756,570
Interest	115,000	168,062	157,052
Field permits and leases	150,000	151,205	141,126
Other revenue	15,000	26,647	38,252
	2,780,000	3,241,180	3,093,000
Expenses:			
Wildlife habitat projects(Schedule 1)	1,014,500	1,028,006	956,384
Fish enhancement projects(Schedule 1)	911,000	845,466	846,792
Grants-in-lieu of taxes(Note 6)	180,000	202,041	180,828
	2,105,500	2,075,513	1,984,004
Excess of revenues over expenses	$ 674,500	$ 1,165,667	$ 1,108,996

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2000				1999
	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Net Assets:					
Balance, beginning of year	$ 13,461,171	$ 2,000,000	$ 1,471,613	$ 16,932,784	$ 15,788,468
Excess of revenues over expenses	(20,775)	—	1,186,442	1,165,667	1,108,996
Donated land	—	—	—	—	35,320
Net investment in capital assets	943,558	—	(943,558)	—	—
Balance, end of year	$ 14,383,954	$ 2,000,000	$ 1,714,497	$ 18,098,451	$ 16,932,784

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2000	1999
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from General Revenue Fund transfer	$ 2,856,438	$ 2,844,879
Cash received from field permits and leases	173,245	177,308
Interest received	168,062	168,242
Cash paid to grant recipients	(60,000)	(115,000)
Cash paid to municipalities	(202,041)	(180,828)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(1,979,752)	(1,508,783)
	955,952	1,385,818
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of capital assets	(944,661)	(768,700)
Decrease(increase) in short-term deposits	2,173,448	(319,404)
	1,228,787	(1,088,104)
Net increase in cash	2,184,739	297,714
Cash, beginning of year	1,548,059	1,250,345
Cash, end of year	$ 3,732,798	$ 1,548,059

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2000

1. Purpose of the Fund

The Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (Fund) operates under the authority of Section 20 of *The Natural Resources Act*. The Fund was established for the purposes of preventing the reduction of wildlife habitat and wildlife population in the agricultural area of the province and for fish enhancement projects intended to prevent the loss of fish or fish habitat.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals for not-for-profit organizations. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

b) Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the asset's estimated useful life. Annual rates for equipment are from 5% to 33%.

Donated land is recorded at fair value at the date of contribution as a direct increase in net assets.

c) Investments

Short-term deposits are recorded at cost which approximates fair market value.

d) Grants Expense

Expenses are recognized when grants are approved and the recipient has met eligibility criteria.

e) Cash

Cash included on the Statement of Cash Flows consists of Due from General Revenue Fund.

3. Due From General Revenue Fund

The Fund's money is on deposit with the General Revenue Fund (GRF) or in a bank account included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan. The Fund's earned interest is calculated and paid by the GRF on a quarterly basis to the Fund using the Government's thirty-day borrowing rate and the Fund's average daily account balance. The Government's average thirty-day borrowing rate for 1999/00 is 4.78% (1998/99 - 5.04%).

4. Revenue - General Revenue Fund

The annual transfer from the General Revenue Fund has been set by Order in Council 526/95 as an amount equivalent to 30% of certain hunting and fishing licence fees collected by the Department of Environment and Resource Management. A receivable is recorded for the portion of the revenue not received before the year-end that relates to the annual licence fees. Included within accounts receivable at March 31, 2000 is $86,828 (1999 - $47,563) receivable from the General Revenue Fund.

5. Capital Assets

	2000			1999
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	$ 13,298,635	---	$13,298,635	$12,587,229
Land - joint ownership	1,027,326	---	1,027,326	804,625
Equipment	453,465	395,472	57,993	69,317
	$14,779,426	$ 395,472	$14,383,954	$13,461,171

The Fund entered into agreements with other conservation agencies for the joint acquisition of land for wildlife related purposes. The above amount for land-joint ownership represents the Fund's costs of these joint ventures.

6. Internally Restricted Net Assets - Municipal Habitat Conservation

Internally restricted net assets were established to compensate rural municipalities for taxes forgone on lands acquired by the Fund for wildlife habitat conservation purposes. The interest earned on this amount is reported in the unrestricted fund and is used to assist in paying rural municipalities grants-in-lieu of taxes on Fund lands located within their boundaries.

7. Commitments

The Fund has wildlife habitat and fish enhancement project commitments at year end of $721,750 (1999 - $489,750) over the next five years.

8. Financial Instruments

The Fund's financial instruments include due from General Revenue Fund, short-term deposits, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The fair value of these instruments approximates their carrying value due to the immediate or short-term nature of these financial instruments.

The Fund is exposed to credit risk from the potential default of customers. However, the majority of the Fund's receivables are from other government agencies and reputable long term corporate clients, therefore, the credit risk is minimal.

9. Budget

The Budget for the Fund is included with the Department of Environment and Resource Management's budget submission to Treasury Board. Treasury Board approves the Fund's budget annually.

10. Related Party Transactions

Included in these financial statements are transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, departments, agencies and boards related to the Fund by virtue of common control by the Government of Saskatchewan.

Routine operating transactions with related parties are recorded at rates charged by those organizations and are settled on normal trade terms. The following table summarizes the routine related party transactions for the year:

Category	2000	1999
Expenses	$342,119	$249,780
Accounts payable	43,867	31,583
Interest revenue	123,857	70,955

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to or from them are described separately in the financial statements and notes.

The Fund pays Saskatchewan Education and Health tax to the Saskatchewan Department of Finance on all its taxable purchases. Taxes paid are recorded as part of the cost of those purchases.

In accordance with established government practice, the Fund has not been charged with certain occupancy, financing, administrative and certain other costs. These costs have been absorbed by various departmental appropriations and, therefore, no provision for such costs is reflected in these financial statements.

11. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

Schedule 1

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
For the Year Ended March 31

	Wildlife Habitat Projects	Fish Enhancement Projects	Total 2000	1999
Salaries	$ 484,312	$ 552,418	$ 1,036,730	$ 1,015,548
Contractual services	319,788	64,500	384,288	276,325
Supplies and materials	62,679	78,193	140,872	177,882
Grants	60,000	---	60,000	65,000
Central Vehicle Agency	48,205	45,941	94,146	108,905
Travel expenses	29,643	19,857	49,500	49,534
Utilities	---	55,223	55,223	53,145
Amortization	4,854	15,921	20,775	25,398
Telephone	11,577	10,678	22,255	23,005
Communications	5,935	2,735	8,670	3,811
Habitat leases	1,013	---	1,013	4,623
	$ 1,028,006	$ 845,466	$ 1,873,472	$ 1,803,176